

Shrewsbury Public Library

News and Events

Library Director Bonnie L. O'Brien Retiring September 30

After 26 years at the helm, Library Director Bonnie L. O'Brien is retiring! September 30 will mark her last day as director of the Shrewsbury Public Library. The Trustees of the Library and the staff will hold a public reception in her honor on Thursday, September 30, from 2 to 4 pm. All are invited to attend this event.

Bonnie holds a Master's degree in Library Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She worked for several years as a children's librarian at the Worcester Public Library before coming to Shrewsbury, just as construction of the 1979/1980 "new wing" was starting. Her guidance of the Library through these years of highly accelerated expansion will be remembered by all, but what most townspeople don't know is the dedication and hard work Bonnie has put into helping libraries in Central Massachusetts and indeed throughout the State by serving on regional and state boards, and the Massachusetts Library Association. Her advocacy on behalf of Massachusetts libraries is legendary—the best memorial any dedicated public servant could hope for!

Join us on Sept. 30 as we express our thanks and extend our best wishes to her as she retires.

-George C. Brown,
Assistant Director

Thursday, September 30 7:30-9 pm

Join us as we begin the Spirit of Shrewsbury Celebration! Local storyteller, Aili Paal Singer, will dramatize "The Little Shoemakers" by Russian-American writer Isaac Bashevis Singer. For families and people of all ages. Funded in part by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities; part of the Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial.

Shades of Autumn at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens

The Shrewsbury Public Library will be participating in the annual "Shades of Autumn" festival at Tower Hill in Boylston throughout the Columbus Day weekend. There will be exhibits, demonstrations, games and other entertainment for children, adults and families—and best of all: any Shrewsbury resident can visit Tower Hill that weekend free of charge! Call 508-841-8531 for more information.

Booster Buttons

To show support for the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival, 2004 Spirit of Shrewsbury Community Booster buttons are available at the Shrewsbury Public Library. The fund-raising committee has designated nonprofit groups to sell the SOS buttons for \$10 each. The Friends of the Library will have them available at the circulation desk of the Library. Support SOS and the Friends, purchase your buttons soon.



Monday, September 13 7:30 - 9 pm

Learn how to cut your job search time by up to 50%! Career Consultant Larry J. Linden, Ph.D., provides an overview of help for the unemployed or for anyone looking to change careers. Free of charge.

Wednesday, October 6 7:30 - 9 pm

Peter Smith, US Army Ranger, will speak about his recent experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq. Come hear about the “war on terrorism” first hand!

Thursday, October 7 7:30 - 9 pm

U/MASS student Daniel Trask will read from his new novel, “My Dog, the Meat Eater,” and will speak about the process of self-publication. All are welcome.

Tuesday, October 19 7:30 - 9 pm

Local speaker, John Collins, will speak on “Thomas Merton—Prophet for Our Time.” Mr. Collins, a recognized authority on Thomas Merton, will introduce us to the thought and writings of this great 20th Century spiritual author.

French Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Join us for a relaxing conversation (in French!) about whatever topic is of interest to you! No charge, no long-range commitment...

Shrewsbury Genealogy Club

Tuesday, September 14 7:30 - 9 pm

Thursday, October 14 7:30 - 9 pm

For anyone interested in family history and genealogy. No experience required. Come and share your problems and insights with like-minded researchers!

E-Mail Notices

Do we have your current e-mail address? The Library can now notify patrons by e-mail that their items are ready for pick-up. Please take time to update your e-mail address.

List-Serv

Have you joined the list-serv yet? What's a list-serv you say? It's an e-mail mailing list! A few times a month you'll receive an e-mail letting you know what is going on here. Joining the list-serv is the best way to get up to the minute info from your Library! Visit our web-site and click on the big blue mailbox to sign-up!

**Lord of the Rings Exhibition at
Museum of Science Boston**

August 1 – October 24

The Museum of Science is offering a special rate to museum visitors using the Library pass—\$9 per ticket for up to 4 *Lord of the Rings* tickets—a savings of \$10 each! This includes the regular \$4 charge per admission to the Exhibit Halls.

This international exhibit puts you within reach of Aragorn's sword, a full-size cave troll, Galadriel's Ring of Power, and hundreds of other props and artifacts. Specially developed by the Museum of Science for the Boston showing, exhibition activities engage visitors in the motion capture and animation technologies behind the trilogy's award-winning special effects.

You may reserve the pass through our website or by calling the Library. The pass must be redeemed in person at time of purchase—discount not good on phone or internet orders.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	10 am – 9 pm
Friday	10 am – 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm – 5 pm

Storytime Schedule

Baby and Me Storytime

Ages birth to 2 ½

A 30 minute program of stories, fingerplays, songs, and movement designed for children ages birth to 2 ½ with an accompanying adult. Registration is required for all sessions.

Session 1

Tuesdays October 5 – October 26
Registration begins September 18

Group 1 – 10 am – Walkers!
For children who are up and running

Group 2 – 11 am – Prewalkers!
For the youngest of our group

Session 2

Tuesdays November 16 – December 7
Registration begins October 30

Group 1 – 10 am – Walkers!
For children who are up and running

Group 2 – 11 am – Prewalkers!
For the youngest of our group

Tales for Twos & Threes

Ages 2 ½ to 3 ½

A 30 minute program of stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts (registered session only) designed for children ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ years old with an accompanying adult. Activities are meant for this age group, therefore, no siblings please.

Wednesday Session

Registration Required
January 5 – January 26

Registration is required and will begin December 11. This storytime will feature stories, fingerplays, songs, and crafts.

Thursday Session

Drop in – no registration required
January 6 – January 27

There is no registration. This storytime will feature stories, fingerplays, and songs. Due to space limitations, only the first 7 “drop in” children will be admitted each week.

Pre-school Storytime

Ages 3 ½ to 6

This storytime lasts about 50 minutes. Children enrolled in these sessions attend the storytime upstairs, while parents and other siblings may stay in the Children’s Room.

Wednesday Session

Registration Required
September 29 – December 1
(no storytime November 24)

Registration is required and will begin Saturday, September 18th. This storytime will feature stories and crafts.

Thursday Session

Drop in – no registration required
September 30 – December 2
(no storytime November 25)

There is no registration. This storytime will feature stories only. Due to space limitations, only the first 20 “drop in” children will be admitted each week.

Tuesday, September 21 from 4 - 5 pm

Welcome Back Party

Children in Grades K-5

Come to the Library and learn about our new After School Kids Club and some of the other exciting new programs being offered this year. Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and friendship. No registration required.

Wednesday, October 6 11 am
**Fire Safety Program presented by the
American Red Cross**

Recommended for children ages 3 – 5. This is an interactive fire safety lesson featuring a video with Snuffy the Smoke Detector and Sparky the Firedog. Registration is not required. Please arrive early.

Saturday, October 2 9:30 – 10:30 am

Bubblemania

Come celebrate the Spirit of Shrewsbury with Casey Carle: creative master of the art of “bubbling”. Laughter, music and amazement for the whole family. This program is recommended for ages 5 – 95. Tickets are free but necessary due to space limitations. They will be available beginning September 18 in the Children’s Room or by calling 508-842-0081 x4.

Tuesday, October 26 4 – 5 pm

The Big Booo!

For children ages 3 ½ and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come in your costume and trick or treat around the Library. Listen to scary stories! Registration is required and will begin Tuesday October 12 in the Children’s Room or by calling 508-842-0081 x4.

After School Kids Club

Designed just for school age children in Grades K-5. This club features book chats and readings, crafts, movies, and fun programs. Come join us and bring along your old friends or meet some new ones.

Tuesday, September 28

4 – 5 pm

Calling All Crafters

Grades K -5

Design a Back-to-School calendar to put all your special upcoming events. Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, September 14.

Wednesday, October 13

4 – 5 pm

Book Chat for Grades 3-5

We Challenge You! Read James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl to celebrate National Banned Book Week. Join us at the Library to meet other young readers and share your thoughts. No registration necessary. Copies of the book will be available in the Children’s Room beginning September 7.

Thursday, October 21

4 – 6 pm

Afternoon at the Movies
(Grades 3 – 5)

Come and enjoy a new release movie. The title will be announced at a later date. Popcorn will be served. No registration necessary.

Book Groups

This fall the Library is beginning two new book groups—one for mystery lovers and one for readers seeking new and interesting books to read. There will be two opportunities each month to discuss each book, each discussion will feature the same format but is being offered twice to accommodate your schedule. We'll provide the snacks but please bring your own beverage. We hope that you can find a time to join us. Books will be available at the Front Desk of the Library after the 15th day of the month prior to discussion. Also available at the Library and on our website is a complete listing and calendar for both book groups through May 2005.

Pageturners Mystery Book Group

Monkeewrench by P.J. Tracy

September 9, 3 pm

September 24, 10:30 am

Weaver and the Factory Maid

by Deborah Grabien

October 7, 3 pm

October 22, 10:30 am

You've Got Murder by Donna Andrews

November 4, 10:30 am

November 18, 3 pm

A Grave Talent by Laurie R. King

December 2, 10:30 am

December 16, 3 pm

Eclectic Browsers Book Group

The Inn at Lake Devine by Eleanor Lipman

September 16, 3 pm

September 30, 10:30 am

Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

October 14, 3 pm

October 29, 10:30 am

Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius

by Dave Eggers

November 4, 3 pm

November 18, 10:30 am

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

December 2, 3 pm

December 16, 10:30 am

Computer Classes

This fall the Library is launching a new curriculum of computer classes designed to provide you a deeper understanding of each topic. Each course will be offered in two identical sessions. Each session will meet once a week for three weeks. Registration is required for all sessions and can be done at the Front Desk of the Library or by phone.

Basic Computer Skills

Here is where you will learn to use the mouse and keyboard, as well as essential computer proficiency.

Session 1: 2:30 – 3:30 pm
September 13, 20, 27

Session 2: 1:30 – 2:30 pm
October 14, 21, 28

Internet

From how-to to advanced searching techniques, this course will take you from novice to pro.

Session 1: 10:30 – 11:30 am
September 9, 16, 23

Session 2: 3 – 4 pm
October 14, 21, 28

Word Processing

Whether you want to type correspondence or format term papers, this is the course for you.

Session 1: 2:30 – 3:30 pm
September 15, 22, 29

Session 2: 10:30 – 11:30 am
October 14, 21, 28

YOUNG Adult NEWS

YAYAs

Wednesday, September 22 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Don't like the Library? Think you can make it better? Join the YAYAs! Help plan programs, choose books, CDs and movies for our collection, and suggest changes that will make our Library a cooler place to hang.

Contact Sarah at ssogigia@cwmares.org for more info. Bring friends and we'll provide the snacks!

YA Book Chat

Wednesday, October 20 3:30 pm
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares. Copies of the book will be available at the Front Desk of the Library beginning September 29.

Need a place to spread out? Tired of hearing "shhhhh!" all the time? The mezzanine is open every afternoon just for you. Come hang out, do homework, work on projects, read, and listen to music. There is an iMac to use for word processing. Snacks are allowed ONLY if you clean up after yourselves. To get there, use the staircase to the Children's Room but go up instead of down.

The YA collection offers fun reads and stuff to help with your schoolwork. You'll find everything from comics and CDs to a great read for book reports to help dealing with life issues. Are we missing something? Use the suggestion box in the YA room or email Sarah at ssogigia@cwmares.org

Weekend Hours and Holiday Closings

Beginning Saturday, September 11, the Library will be open from 9 am – 5 pm.

Beginning Sunday, September 12, the Library will be open from 1 – 5 pm.

The Library will be closed September 4, 5, and 6 in honor of Labor Day.

The Library will be closed October 11 in honor of Columbus Day.



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